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## **State Announces Selection of Energy Conservation Program Service Providers**

The state's plan to use nearly \$132 million in federal stimulus funding for energy conservation efforts moved forward today with the selection of 30 service providers for the Home Energy Conservation and Weatherization Program.

*"Our aim is always to work as quickly as we can and to help as many Hoosiers as possible. These organizations have an important role, to work with low-income Hoosiers to improve the energy efficiency of their homes with the overall goal of reducing overall state energy consumption," said Governor Mitch Daniels.*

When this new effort and existing programs are combined, the program, operated by the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCD), will be 11 times the total of all current annual weatherization programs, which set forth a need for additional service providers beyond the Community Action Agencies that service the existing Weatherization program.

"We worked closely with stakeholders to develop a plan that maximizes the resources we have been given, and provide these services in an efficient and timely manner," said Sherry Seiwert, Executive Director of IHCD. "Governor Daniels has put a great deal of thought into creating this plan, and 45 different organizations applied for this opportunity. Many Hoosier households will be positively impacted by these funds, and we are confident that the service providers selected will administer the services in an expedited timeline."

The State accepted proposals from non-profit organizations with the desire and capacity to administer this program to families under 150% of Federal Poverty Guidelines. Program service

providers will be responsible for activities including, but not limited to, client intake and selection, energy audits, weatherization/conservation activities, interim and close-out inspections, and data management. The contract term will be from May 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010. In addition, IHCD staff sought to ensure that every part of the state had sufficient access to Home Energy Conservation services by setting an amount to be allocated in each county.

IHCDA will open a new RFP in February or March of 2010 to allocate the balance of the funds; organizations that have received an allocation in this round will be eligible to compete under that RFP, but the degree to which they have spent their initial allocation and how they have performed will be a scoring consideration.

IHCDA required that all applicants and subcontractors be in good standing with the Indiana Secretary of State, as well as in good standing with Indiana's Department of Revenue and the Department of Workforce Development. All applicants were subject to an organizational background screen by IHCDA and are required to conduct background checks of all employees and/or contractors that will be involved in the program. Evaluation of all proposals was conducted by IHCDA and its counsel based on several evaluation criteria.

When selecting Weatherization Program administrators, IHCDA gave preference to organizations which demonstrated ability, experience, and proficiency in the following areas: administering weatherization or rehabilitation projects; administering projects of a similar nature; an effective timeline for spending the requested funds; proof that the entity is incorporated and located in the State of Indiana; capacity to perform; and innovation and creativity for the manner in which they will maximize the number of households receiving weatherization, the degree of energy efficiency to be achieved, and the long term impact of the proposed project on the local economy. Additional regulations and details may be found in the complete RFP, located on the state's stimulus funds website, [Invest.in.gov](http://Invest.in.gov).

The service providers for Home Energy Conservation and Weatherization Program are:

Applicant Name	Amount Awarded
ACTION, Inc of Delaware and Grant Counties	\$457,511
Affordable Housing Corporation (Serving Grant County)	\$642,584
Area IV Agency on Aging and Community Action (Serving Clinton and Tippecanoe Counties)	\$1,578,878
Community Action of Northeast Indiana (Serving Allen and Whitley Counties)	\$2,214,553
Community Action of Southern Indiana (Serving Clark and Floyd Counties)	\$1,326,444
Community Action Program of Evansville & Vanderburgh County, Inc.	\$620,000
Community Action Program of Western Indiana, Inc (Serving Benton, Fountain, and Warren Counties)	\$1,031,375
Community and Family Services, Inc. (Serving Adams, Jay, and Randolph Counties)	\$1,404,335
Dubois Pike Warrick Economic Opportunity Committee	\$599,716.50
Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Coop., Inc.	\$5,094,541.50

<i>(Serving Brown, Dubois, Gibson, Harrison, Jennings, Lawrence, Martin, Morgan, Pike, Rush, Scott, Spencer, and Union Counties)</i>	
Hoosier Uplands <i>(Serving Orange and Washington Counties)</i>	\$791,630
Housing Opportunities of Warsaw, Inc. <i>(Serving Kosciusko County)</i>	\$646,219
Human Services, Inc. <i>(Serving Bartholomew, Johnson, and Shelby Counties)</i>	\$1,653,235
Indiana Builders Association, Inc. <i>(Serving Blackford, Boone, Carroll, Cass, Decatur, Delaware, Fayette, Fulton, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Howard, Huntington, Jackson, Jasper, Lagrange, La Porte, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Montgomery, Newton, Noble, Owen, Parke, Posey, Pulaski, Starke, Steuben, Tipton, Vanderburgh, Vermillion, Vigo, Wabash, Wayne, Wells, and White Counties)</i>	\$20,725,963.50
Interlocal Community Action Program <i>(Serving Henry County)</i>	\$489,323
JobSource <i>(Serving Madison County)</i>	\$438,192.50
Lincoln Hills Development Corporation <i>(Serving Crawford and Perry Counties)</i>	\$971,782
Mapleton-Fall Creek Development Corporation <i>(Serving Marion County)</i>	\$200,000
Miami County YMCA	\$498,189
North Central Community Action Agency <i>(Serving La Porte County)</i>	\$276,000
Northwest Indiana Community Action <i>(Serving Lake and Porter Counties)</i>	\$3,432,817
Ohio Valley Opportunities Inc. <i>(Serving Jefferson County)</i>	\$442,483
PACE <i>(Serving Daviess, Greene, Knox, and Sullivan Counties)</i>	\$1,610,469
People Working Cooperatively <i>(Serving Dearborn, Franklin, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland Counties)</i>	\$1,812,974
REAL Services, Inc. <i>(Serving Elkhart and St. Joseph Counties)</i>	\$2,638,573
South Central Community Action Program, Inc. <i>(Serving Monroe County)</i>	\$899,373
Southeast Neighborhood Development Inc. <i>(Serving Marion County)</i>	\$340,000
Western Indiana Community Action Agency, Inc. <i>(Serving Clay and Putnam Counties)</i>	\$877,560
Westside Community Development Corp. <i>(Serving Marion County)</i>	\$249,900
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The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority's (IHCDA) mission is for every Hoosier to have the opportunity to live in safe, affordable, good-quality housing in economically stable communities. IHCDA believes that growing Indiana's economy starts at home. For more information go to [www.ihcda.in.gov](http://www.ihcda.in.gov). For updates from Lt. Governor Becky Skillman and the agencies she oversees, please sign up at [www.in.gov/lgov](http://www.in.gov/lgov).